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## 1. Fishing Cutters

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Fishing cutters designated as "FK" (Fischkutter) include one type 17 meters in length and another which is 24 meters long. Current orders call for the construction of 200 cutters of the 17-meter type and 60 of the 24-meter type, with special reinforcement forward to permit the installation of armament. The cutters are now under construction at the following yards:

- Damgarten
- Wolgast
- Uckermünde
- Freest
- Greifswald
- Stralsund
- Rostock
- Barth

2. The Sassnitz fishing fleet includes 123 FK of the 17-meter type and 9 of the 24-meter type, all belonging to VVB Fischfang. All are being equipped with radio-telephony (RFT - 20 watt) but will be allowed to maintain radio contact exclusively with the Rügen radio station.\*

3. Construction of luggers at Stralsund has gradually come to a stop because of lack of materials. The luggers built at Stralsund are to be equipped with stronger engines than heretofore.\*\*

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This is the first report that cutters of this type are being built at Freest and Barth, but other reports that they are under construction at Altwarp have been fully confirmed. The number of cutters under construction, as given in paragraph 1, has little meaning, since there is no way of knowing how long a period this statement covers.

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No other report has mentioned the reinforcement of the forward parts of these cutters.

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constant shortages of materials have been reported from other Russian Zone shipyards, but this is the first report that construction has stopped at the Volkswerft, Stralsund. The report concerning greater engine power for the Stralsund-built luggers has been confirmed.

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